

**Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International Application
PCT/EP2004/003699 filed April 7, 2004**

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the title on page 1 with the following amended title:
~~Poly- α -Olefin-Containing Cosmetic Composition~~ POLY- α -OLEFIN-CONTAINING
COSMETIC COMPOSITION .

At page 1, in the line after the Title, enter the following new heading and paragraph:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371 claiming priority from application PCT/EP2004/003699 filed April 7, 2004, which claims priority from German application DE 103 17 781.7 filed April 16, 2003; the entire contents of each application are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the heading on page 1, line 1, with the following amended heading:

~~Field of the Invention~~ FIELD OF THE INVENTION .

Please replace the heading on page 1, line 8, with the following amended heading:

~~Prior Art~~ BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION .

Please replace the heading on page 3, line 5, with the following amended heading::

~~Description of the Invention~~ BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION.

Please add the following new heading on page 3, before line 16:
DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION .